(b) if so, what is the total amount of loans so written-off; and

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(c) what are the reasons tor writing off these loans?

TffE, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) Yes, Sir. The Central Government had taken a decision that the outstanding balance as on 1-4-1985 of all types of rehabilitation loans sanctioned up 31.3.74 and loans to State Governments for relending to displaced persons/repatriates etc. sanctioned I during 1.4.74 to 31.3.84 would be' written ofi'..

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(bj As on 31.3.1987 outstanding loans amounting to Rs. 130.80 crores have been written off.

(c) Government of India had been receiving representations from time to time that the refugees/repatriates were not able to repay the loans as per the terms of the sanctions. Taking a sympathetic -view, it was felt that the refugees and repatriates would probably be able to build up better economic base for themselves if they were relieved of the loan burden altogether.

Arrest of a Pakistani spy by BSF

1569. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA:

SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a)' whether it is a fact thai a Pakistani spy was recently apprehend, ed by the Border Security Force in the Ferozepuur area in Punjab;

(b) if so, whether Government have made any investigation about his links in the country; and

(c) whether any other persons have been identified for being in contact with him and helping him in his spy-ang* activities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE ' IN THE. MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, | PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS! AND THE ' MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME" AFFAIRS (SHRI ' P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) According to in-iormation available, one Pak national and one Indian national were apprehended by the BSF HI February. 1987 in Ferozepuur district of Punjab. A case under the Official Secrets Act has been registered.

Transfer of high technology from the United States

1570. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA

SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY.

Will the Minister of,, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleasea to state:

(a) whether any formal agreement or understanding has been raached with the Us Government for the transfer of high technology; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): Yes, Sir.

(b) An Indo-US Memorandum of Understanding on Technology Transfer and its implementation procedures were signed in November 1984 ^nd May, 1985 respectively to facilitate trade and collaboration in advanced technology between the two couatries.

Export to the USA

1571. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state-:

(a) the names of the goods exported to the United States during 1384-85 and 1985-86; and

(b) the amount ofi foreign exchange earned thereby and the efforts being made by the Government of India to increase exports to the United States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI) : (a> and (b) The major items exported to USA during 1984-85* ana 1985-86 are: diamonds readymacte garments and other textiles petroleum pfod.UCtS| engineering products, leather and its products, carpets and drugs and agricultural products such as cashewnuts^ spices ana marine products.

•Th$_e$ foreign "exchange earned during 3984-85 and 1985-86 by non-oil exports to USA are as follows:

(Value : Rs. crores)

Year	Export to USA
1984-85	1765.83
1985-86*	1994.48

♦Figures a""e provisional and subjeri to revision.

A series of initiatives which have been taken 1Q promote our exports of various products would assist our exports to USA also. With particular reference to the USA a number of steps have been taken to increase exports which include market surveys, participation in trade fairs and exhibitions, buyer-seller meets and special publicity programmes.

Consumer Price Index numbers

1572. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY; Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) what; were the Consumer Price Index numbers as at the end of December 1984_ December 1985 and December' 1986;'

(b) whether 'it is rising and if so,. what ar$_e$ the reasons therefor;

(c) what items are being taken into account to determine the price ind'ex and since when; . I

(d) whether Government propose to consider more items including control rate of rent for housing which are also essential in determining the sumer Price Index; and

(e) if not, what are the reasons therefor'?

. THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA) : (a) Consumer Price Index numbers for industrial workers 1 month of December for the years 1984, 1985 and 1986 on 100 are given below:

Year	Index for December
1984	588
1985	630
1986	688

(b) A rising trend has been ob id. in the index. It is mainly .due to increase in prices of different items, seasonal fluctuations, varying supply of ration items etc.

(c) A. list of items taken into account to determine the all-India consumer price index, for industrial workers on base 1960 = 100 is given in Annexure. *[See* Appendix CXLU, Annexure No. 79],

(d) ancW(e) In the proposed new series on base 1982 a number *pi* new-items are being included as a result of change in consumption pattern revealed hy 1981-82 survey. Hoonsing is one of the items taken into "account under 1960 as well as proposed 1982 series.

Prisoners of Operation Blue Star

. 1573. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA:
SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY:

Will th$_0$ Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it. is a fact that the Amnesty International has asked the